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James Anderson celebrates dismissing Virat Kohli at Leeds | AP | PTI

AFTER LORD'S HIGH, INDIA CRASH TO 78 ALL OUT IN LEEDS

Opting to bat first, batsmen put up a dismal show at Headingley on the first day of the third Test of Pataudi Trophy

ANDERSON LEADS ENGLAND'S CHARGE

The 39-year-old, who was in the middle of a controversy in the second Test, started India's downslide removing KL Rahul in the first over of the day. He followed it up by removing Cheteshwar Pujara and Virat Kohli inside the first hour. His first and only spell of the first innings read 8-5-6-3 as he dismissed Kohli for the seventh time in Tests on Wednesday

POST LUNCH, INDIA EAT HUMBLE PIE

- Resuming at 56-4 after lunch, a lot depended on how India would respond in the second session. It only got worse as India lost their remaining six wickets for just 20 runs
- India lost four wickets (Rohit Sharma, Mohammed Shami, Ravindra Jadeja and Jasprit Bumrah) without adding a run

78

IS INDIA'S THIRD LOWEST-TOTAL WHILE CHOOSING TO BAT FIRST IN A TEST

CHENNAI • MADURAI • VIJAYAWADA • BENGALURU • KOCHI • HYDERABAD • VISAKHAPATNAM • COIMBATORE • KOZHIKODE • THIRUVANANTHAPURAM • BELAGAVI • BHUBANESWAR • SHIVAMOGGA • MANGALURU • TIRUPATI • TIRUCHY • TIRUNELVELI • SAMBALPUR • HUBBALLI • DHARMAPURI • KOTTAYAM • KANNUR • VILLUPURAM • KOLLAM • WARANGAL • TADEPALLIGUDEM • NAGAPATTINAM • THRISSUR • KALABURAGI

A US Marine greets children during an evacuation at the Kabul airport | AP

Frantic evacuation on; ready to handle terror overflow, says CDS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

WITH US President Joe Biden refusing to extend the August 31 evacuation deadline, forces on the ground are racing against time to fly out maximum number of people by next Tuesday. So far, an estimated 82,300 people have been lifted from the Kabul airport, which is controlled by the US military for now.

At the moment, around 5,800 American troops are at the Kabul airport anchoring airlifts. Several hundred US troops have reportedly left Afghanistan soon after Biden decided not to extend the deadline, underlining how quickly the ground situation is evolving.

While the pace of evacuations has gained momentum in recent days, the US military will soon shift focus to moving its own troops and winding down its operation at the airport.

In a notable development, G7 leaders have decided to include India in future discussions on Afghanistan. According to sources, the decision to include India in further discussions was taken after Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a 45-minute long conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The bloc had held an emergency meeting on Tuesday to discuss the Afghan situation.

The threat perception about the security around the Kabul airprot remained high with US defence officials warning of planned attacks against crowds outside the airport aimed at creating mayhem. Reports said ISIS elements have also been spotted at the airport.

On Wednesday, Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat said India has contingency plan to handle the terrorist activities from Afghanistan if it could overflow into India.

China said it held consultations with the Taliban in Kabul on Wednesday, the first diplomatic contact since the militia took control of Afghanistan. P12

CONFUSION AS 2 CONGRESSMEN FLY INTO KABUL

Two members of Congress flew unannounced into Kabul airport in the middle of the chaotic evacuation. Rep. Seth Moulton, D-Mass., and Rep. Peter Meijer, R-Mich., flew in and out on charter aircraft and were on the ground at the Kabul airport for several hours on Tuesday

DU drops Mahasweta's story, Dalit authors' works

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

A group of Delhi University teachers, all members of its academic council, on Wednesday strongly protested against the dropping of works of two Dalit writers and a Mahashweta Devi's short story 'Draupadi' from the English syllabus by an oversight committee.

Mahasweta Devi

The two Dalit writers whose works have been axed from the fifth semester syllabus are Tamil author Bama and Telugu writer Sukhartharini. Their works have been replaced with that "upper caste writer Ramabai", 15 members of the council said in a dissent note.

The changes have been made as part of the learning outcomes based curriculum in line with the new National Education Policy. "The Committee as an afterthought suddenly asked the English department to delete the celebrated short story of Mahasweta Devi, 'Draupadi' – a story about a tribal woman – without giving any academic logic," the note shared in the academic council meeting on Wednesday said.

"This is notwithstanding the fact that 'Draupadi' has been taught by the University since 1999 owing to its seminal academic value," they added. P10

GST on two-wheelers is the same as a luxury-level product despite it being a basic mode of transportation. The price of moped has gone up 45-50%

Venu Srinivasan, chairman & MD, TVS Motor Company

Indian tax rates are more than double compared to the EU & US. Given India's low income levels, the question of affordability comes in

R C Bhargava, chairman, Maruti Suzuki India

It will be impossible for India to grow at high rates for a long period of time without the automobile sector being the key driver of India's growth

Amitabh Kant, Niti Aayog CEO

Why modest moped taxed like a luxe item, asks TVS

High taxation impeding affordability of vehicles, rues auto industry

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AUTO industry stalwarts on Wednesday raised the contentious issue of high taxes on automobiles as they took a sharp jibe at the Centre saying the government only makes strong statements but does nothing to reverse declining sales.

Maruti Suzuki India Chairman R C Bhargava said tax rates in India are more than double that of the EU, Japan and the US, making vehicle prices unaffordable for Indians with lower income levels. "GST is not the only thing. States have this one-time road tax, which takes the tax rate to 37-38% on cars. Do we need the kind of high taxes we have? I don't think the automobile market is going to revive," he said, while speaking at industry body SIAM's 61st Annual Convention on Wednesday.

Venu Srinivasan, chairman and MD of TVS Motor Company, wondered whether the automotive sector is being recognised for what it has contributed to the economy and forex earnings. He highlighted that the GST on two-wheelers, the basic mode of transportation, is the same as a luxury-level product. "The price of the moped has gone up by 45-50% in the last few years. The switch to BS6, cost of ABS, Supreme Court ruling on mandatory purchase of three-year insurance, and a one-time tax have pushed prices of two-wheelers higher," added Srinivasan. Countering the complaints of higher GST, Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj asked the industry why car sales are not going up but demand for SUVs is. P13

EXPRESS READ

Landslide at Nandi Hills, tourists barred entry

CHIKKABALLAPUR: Incessant rain caused a landslide at Nandi Hills on Tuesday night. Following the incident, Chikkaballapur Deputy Commissioner R Latha has stated that tourists are prohibited from visiting the popular getaway until the PWD clears debris and completes road construction, which may take 20 days | P2

JAB-O-METER TAKE YOUR SHOT

August 24: 54,67,551 doses
August 25: 66,22,337 doses
TOTAL DOSES: 80,24,25,271

NATIONWIDE	AUG 24	AUG 25
Fresh cases	25,467	37,593
Recoveries	39,486	34,169
Deaths	354	648

KARNATAKA	AUG 24	AUG 25
Fresh cases	1,259	1,224
Recoveries	1,701	1,668
Deaths	29	22

Will double farm income, says Bommai

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

AIMING at becoming the first State in the country to double farmers' income by 2023-24, the Karnataka government will constitute a committee to improve various agricultural parameters to achieve the goal.

Spelling out the State Government's plans, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday said, "The Centre is ready to join hands with us for doubling farmers' income. We are constituting a committee comprising farmers that will be in constant touch with the Centre to prepare a Karnataka-specific report on farmers' income, and we will implement it."

After a meeting with Ashok Dalwai, CEO, National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA) and Chairman, Empowered Body, Doubling Farmers Income (DFI), Union Ministry of Agriculture, Bommai said they discussed various measures required to be taken to double the farmers' income. He said a committee headed by Agriculture Minister BC Patil will be constituted to coordinate with agriculture universities in the State to improve seed, pest and fertiliser management and soil nutrient levels.

The government has also decided to set up a "Secondary Agriculture Directorate" for processing all agro-products, including dairy, fishery, horticulture, sericulture and animal husbandry. Setting up agro-processing units will help increase farmers' income and create employment in rural areas, the CM said. P4

K'TAKA HANGS HEAD IN SHAME, 2 WOMEN RAPED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru/ Tumakuru

TWO separate incidents of rape in Tumakuru and Mysuru, where one of the victims was also murdered, shocked Karnataka on Wednesday.

In Tumakuru, a 30-year-old woman was found raped and murdered at a hillock at Chotasabarapalya near Hirehalli. The victim had gone to the hillock to graze cattle. When she did not return home for a long time, her husband went in search and found her strangled to death. As the mangalsutra was missing, the police have initially suspected it to be a case of murder for gain.

In Mysuru, a girl college student was allegedly gangraped by five to six men on the foothills of Chamundi. The victim, who is an MBA student at a private college, and her male friend had gone near the hills and were returning home late evening when they were waylaid by the gang on a lonely stretch near Lalithadripura. The criminals threw stones and injured the girl's friend, dragged her from the spot and raped her, sources in the police department revealed.

The victim's friend managed to take her to a private hospital for treatment and filed a complaint at the Alanahalli police station on Wednesday morning. Soon after the crime came to their notice, the police conducted a spot mahazar and searched areas around Lalithadripura for clues.

The victim is currently being treated at the hospital, and is yet to give a statement to the police. Police Commissioner Dr Chandragupta confirmed that a complaint of sexual assault has been registered, but refused to reveal further details, saying the case is sensitive and the investigation is still on. P7

THE GOOD LIFE

BSY's first car comes at a cool ₹1 crore

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru/Shivamogga

FORMER Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa is the owner of a cool set of wheels now, and quite interestingly, this is his first car. Spending a hefty Rs 1 crore, inclusive of taxes, he has made a Toyota Vellfire, a high-end, seven-seater luxury vehicle, his own.

Seventy-eight-year-old Yediyurappa has been de-stressing after resigning as chief minister on July 26 this year. He and his family returned from the Maldives only last week after a vacation.

The veteran BJP leader was using his official vehicles all these days and his son BY Vijayendra's car before that. As per the affidavit filed ahead of the 2018 Assembly polls, he did not not own any cars.

Toyata Vellfire costs Rs 87 lakh (ex-showroom) and including taxes, the bill has come to around Rs 1 crore, said sources close to the former chief minister.

Yediyurappa's son and Shivamogga MP BY Raghavendra told *TNIE* that this is former chief minister's first vehicle. In the early 1980s, Yediyurappa used to move around his home district on a bicycle, promoting the party. At that time, the Karnataka Assembly had only two BJP MLAs, including him.

While stepping down as chief minister, Yediyurappa had said that he would work towards strengthening the party.

He (Yediyurappa) opted for this vehicle as it is comfortable for him at this age. He will travel across the State in this car and is planning to visit Shivamogga on August 28.

BY Raghavendra
BS Yediyurappa's son and Shivamogga MP